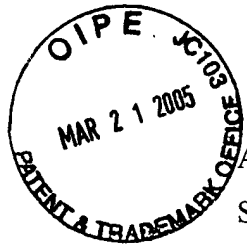


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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on January 20, 2005. Applicants hereby submit a petition for a two-month extension of time and enclose a check for the associated fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Office Action now expires on March 20, 2005. Because March 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday, the deadline for filing a response is extend to the next business day; namely, Monday, March 21, 2005. Thus, this amendment is timely filed.

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